### The Heloderm.

Heloderma horridum is the technical name which has been bestowed on the a body as thick as a man's wrist; the ground color a warm pale yellow, covered with a network pattern of dark brownish lines; the tail large, stumpy and encircled with double rings; muzzle, black. At first it refused grapes, banana lettuce, carrot, minced meat, cockroaches, frogs, lizards, slow-worms, mice and rats; all of which were tendered to it for food; it, however, devoured a couple of eggs. Harmless as all other lizards are supposed to be, the mouth of the heloderm reveals a dental arrangement totally at variance with all one's fangs of poisonous serpents. Further-more, this irreconcilable lizard holds on to its victim, and works its jaws fiercely and continuously after they are buried in the flesh, as though sending an abundant flow of venomous saliva into the body; thus departing from all rule of procedure among veneniferous scrpents

It remains to be seen, however, whether these grooved teeth are, so to speak, the direct channels for the introduction of a deadly secretion limited to their appendnges, as is the case with a snake or whether they simply effect inoculation of a poisonous matter, disseminated throughout the general saliva or mucus of the mouth by the mere wound they inflict, in the same way that a mad dog communicates hydrophobia by its bite— a process which resembles that of a lancet procuring the absorption of vaccine fluid by its scratch, while the ordinary bite of a venomous snake is rather to be compared to the action of a hypodermic syringe. It is worthy of note, as bearing out both this possibility and the inconsistent character of the heloderm, that it has glands in the lower as well as in the upper jaw.

It will be very interesting to learn the natural food of this creature, and such knowledge will probably give us a solu-tion of the mystery—Why is it, and not the other members of the lizard tribe, venomous? Nature bestows nothing wantonly, and there must be a reason for the heloderm's possession of such a secretion—some function of vital import secretion—some function of vital impore to the possessor. Poisonous snakes are so provided, not—as many people imag-ine—to enable them to go about doing mischief, but for the simple purpose of obtaining food. Destinte of the con-strictive power which distinguishes boas and pythons, they would be no match for the animals which constitute their natural prey, were it not for their venom But what can a creature, having teeth to bite with, claws to seize and tear with, igility for pursuit, and, it may be, a pre hensible tongue, want this extra and seemingly superfluous ammunition for In other words, upon what has it been intended to feed, to demand such weapons of offense? Certainly, one would say, not upon eggs, fruit or cabbages, like the iguana; and we find it apparently as perfectly adapted for catching and slaying small mammals and birds as are many undoubtedly harmless lizards of a similar size and formation.

It may be that it will be found to prev tipon some powerful animal that requires great holding-power to retain, and which may probably be cold-blooded animals such as snakes. When a venomous ser-pent which feeds on birds or rats attacks, strikes a sudden blow and withdraws, The victim may stagger or flutter away, but is bound to fall within a short distance, where it can be followed and eaten at leisure. But those which devour their own kind, like the coralenake and hamadryad, seize the ser pents which form their meals, and do not again relinguish them-much as our common grass-snake deals with a frog. The reason for this is evident: the poison takes effect so much more slowly in a cold-blooded animal, owing to its defect ive organization, and consequent tar-diness of the vital process, that the bitten snake might escape too far to be re-trieved if released before it died,

The Indians in Central Mexico are said to pay a superstitious reverence to the beloderm, and to worship it as the inear nation of one of their deities. The writer heard there—the legend obtains much farther south-of a lizard which fights with all venomous smakes from antipathy' and other disinterested motives whenever it comes across them; but, as a specimen which was brought to me proved to be a common feguexin, and as, furthermore, I was told that the lizard, when accidently bitten, always runs to a certain shrub, etc., I confess did not pay much heed to the account. It behooves one, however, to be guarded in ridicule of popular errors for the future, after this distinct triumph of 'vulgar prejudice' over scientific assur-nuce.—Chambers' Journal.

## Paying a Hotel Bill with a Poem.

John McCullough tells the following story of his fellow-actor Lawrence are rett: "In those early days, when we were both young and the bloom was on were both young and the bloom was on It will seldom be necessary to go story of his fellow-actor Lawrence Barthe rye, we came one night after a day's hard riding in the rain—outside, too, mark ye!-to an old wayside tavern, where we hoped to pass the night. But the house was closed; a little child of very often detect it after a moderate ex-the landlord's had died that day, and he amination; but there are cases that said he wouldn't have any strangers will demand our utmost attention and said he wouldn't have any strangers around the place. It was grief did it, for that landlord was generally a first-rate fellow, and one of the most good-natured men alive. We all felt sorry for him, and Barrett especially. He tried to console him, and after they had talked awhile together, with tears in his eyes, the landlord led Barrett in to look at the dead child. They came out with wet eyes, and the landlord, at Barrett's request, brought his writing materials. Well, sir, I give you my word that in half an hour he had written the sweetest little obituary poem on that dead baby you ever heard. When the landlord read it he cried like a child, and showed himself a trump card, for he made us all up a nice clean bed and gave us the best in the house, for no pay at all but that sole may have been pared too much, or

-The Committee on Judiciary of the Lims Kiln Club reported a petition from 230 colored citizens of Ohio, praying the club to use its influence to secure a new pension law. Under the present law the grandson of a man who intended to enst, but never got around to it owing to the pressure of private business, cannot make the Pension Bureau clothe and feed him, and a Congressional act is needed to remedy this oversight .- Detroit Free Press.

### FARM AND FIRESIDE.

-A farmer who has tried it says turkeys will lay on more fat in two weeks when confined in a comfortable pen than they will in four when suffered to ramble about. - N. Y. Herald.

-Keep all stock thriving by giving a stable ration of some kind and not by feeding the meadows. When the cold storms come give the animals shelter

of cider and a cup of brown sugar into enough water to cover the ham; boil three hours, or till the skin will peel off easily. Remove the skin, cover the ham with a crust of sugar, and bake in a slow oven three hours. Dissolve a cup of sugar in a pint of cider and baste the ham frequently while baking. If the cider is very sweet, use less sugar.—

Chicago Journal.

—To fricassee chicken cut it up and boil with one or two slices of pork, in enough water to cover the chicken; fry some pork, and when it has cooked preconceived ideas, every tooth appear-ing to be grooved as in the case of the the pork until nearly browned; then take the broth and pourit into the frying-pan with the pork, and make a gravy, thick-ening with brown flour; season well and pour over the chicken .- Chicago News.

-The Agricultural Department at Washington estimates the shortage of the hog crop in the great hog-raising States as follows: "In Kentucky the decrease from last year, as returned by our correspondents, is 25 per cent.; 29 in Ohio; 25 in Indiana; 24 in Illinois; 20 in Iowa; 30 in Missouri. The decrease is but five per cent. in Kansas and two in Nebraska." It also says there is a small decline in the South and in the Middle

-If there are fence corners or other places about the farm where weeds are growing they should be moved out to prevent the seeds from being scattered to adjoining fields. Farm fences afford one of the most common sources for weed destribution, and it is poor policy to allow the seeds to mature and be scattered to the detriment of the adjoining land. Pasture land, too often pro duces heavy growths of noxious weeds which should be cut before maturing their seeds .- Country Gentleman.

—An almond sponge-cake may be a novelty to some one. It is certainly a very delicate and nicely flavored cake. Half pound of sugar, five eggs; beat the yelks first, and add the sugar to them gradually, then beat the whites to a stiff froth and add; then sift in flour enough to make a batter of medium stiffness flavor with almond extract, and, before putting it in the tin, butter a paper well and line the tin, and on the bottom put at intervals bits of almond, which you have blanched by pouring boiling water over, and after removing the brown skins cut in small pieces, then pour the batter over till the tin is about half-full. Bake for an hour in a slow oven. - N. Y.

## How to Locate Lameness in a Horse,

In examining a case of lameness, we should, if possible, first see the horse in the stable, and without disturbing him, observe whether he points a foot, and in what particular manner he so favors it. We should then have him led from the stable and trotted gently in hand on a put an end to his wild inventions. hard road or pavement, giving him his hoad at the time. Having thus ascertained what leg he is lame in, we should Secrets of the proceed to discover the actual seat of the mischief. For this purpose, the linger and thumb should be carefully passed down the leg, from the knee to the foot, to ascertain if there be any unthe foot, to ascertain if there be any un-due heat, or enlargement, or tenderness from pressure; we should also feel care-turned to stone. The outer part was of fully the front and sides of the pat-teens, as well as round the coronet. If the inner portions were of a material as terns, as well as round the coronet. If the inner a splint be the cause of lameness, the white as esions of the sinews.

ficient cause of lameness above, we must now direct our attention to the feet. In nearly every case, unless the mischief should be very clearly exhibited elsewhere, it would be advisable to remove the shoe; the foot should then be paired out, to ascertain if there be any wound or bruise in it. The nail holes should be carefully examined and pressed with pincers, or gently struck with a hammer, to discover any symptoms of tenderness; the heels of the sole should be pared down, and the parts struck gently with a hammer; this is preferable to pressing the bar and crust with the pincers, as is usually done, for this often produces pain in some feet, when there is no disease, and often fails in causing pain in others, when there is

a deep-seated corn. After paring awhile, the smith will very probably say there is no corn; but we must not be satisfied until we have pared almost to the quick. If the horse be very lame from a corn, he will almost always favor the foot; but in so doing he will not, however, extend his limb out straight to its full length, but will elevate the heel without extending the foot very far, which will give a knuckling appearance to the limb. Should none of these symptoms be exhibited, we must consider the disease to be deep-seated, and then it is all-important to ascertain if the animal points his foot, for, if such is the case, in all probability the cause of lameness exists in the navicular joint

through these various manipulations seriatim; we may sometimes pounce upon the seat of lameness at once, and experience, and will often put to a severe test the professional talents and tact even of the most skilled veterina-

rian. Horses sometimes exhibit a slight lameness immediately after being shod, though quite sound before. Such cases may arise from the shoe being nailed on too tight, and are often relieved by re-moving the shoe and re-applying it more gently; this lameness most frequently occurs in horses with very thin horn, and is ascertained by the manner in which it comes on, and the absence of any other visible causes. The shoe in such a case may also have an improper bearing, pressing severely on weak spots, or on the sole or heels; or the heels or unevenly.

Persons unaccustomed to horses, will more frequently pronounce the wrong limb than the right in cases of slight lameness. The cause of their blunders may then be easily explained. They perceive that a horse drops the moment one foot comes to the ground, and they immediately conclude that that must be the lame one, fancying that he drops from the pain received when it meets the ground; whereas the fact is, he treads as lightly as he can on the lame foot, and pears his whole weight on the sound one. -Prairie Farmer

### A Thrilling Incident.

A thrilling incident was witnessed in Lewiston, Saturday. The painters who are at work on St. Joseph's Church have raised a chain of ladders to the top of the spire. While the workmen were at dinner some passers-by saw a man climbing the ladders, now and then waving his hat and uttering a strange shout. It became evident that he was and extra grain rations to keep up the intoxicated. The form was soon recog-heat. Do not let the animals take this nized as that of a drunken Lewiston rag intoxicated. The form was soon recoghandsome creature, and its general line and appearance strike the attention at once; rather over a foot in length, with ter ladder. A crowd gathered. At times the climber wavered, and all who saw him thought he would fall and be dashed to pieces. He gained the cross, put his hat on it and then began his descent. Two men went up and helped the fellow. But for this timely assistance he probably would have fallen. The crowd watched with eager eyes until he reached the ground, pale and disordered, and staggered off after one de firious shout of exultation,-Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

## A Sectorian Novelty.

Many new sects have of late arisen in his country, and yet our land has not a monopoly in this respect. The latest sectarian novelty is in Lapland. In this the women are elevated to be head of the family and also to occupy the ministerial and pastoral office. this they combine some of the functions of the Roman Catholic priesthood, par-ticularly in regard to the conticularly in regard to the con-fessional. The other members, particu-larly the husbands, are to come to the men once a week and confess their sins. The sect is so new that the amount of progress it has made is not easily reported as yet. But there is good reason to believe that it will not be popular among the male Laplanders. The idea of a man going to a woman once a week and recounting the sad tale of all his lapses from the path of rectitude is just cool enough for Lapland. Certainly it would not take in any other quarter of the world .- Chicago Tribune.

### Darius Green in Real Life.

A little boy named Eddie Wells met with a severe accident recently at the home of his parents, on Payne street. Eddie is about eight years of age, and is considered by his playmates as a very daring and reckless lad. For some time he has been at work on a patent pair of wings, which would enable him to soar through the air like an eagle. He reasoned that if he could make some wings large enough and light enough, there was no reason why he should not fly as well as a bird. Accordingly he made two large wings out of light paper, so contrived that they could be fastened tightly to the arms. Yesterday they were completed, and he assembled his companions to witness the success of his scheme. He ascended a high shed, that he might have a clearer road. He fastened on his wings and with a crow and a slap leaped off, full of sanguine hopes that the treacherous air would buoy him up. He no sooner re-leased his footing than he fell to the ground like a rock, the wings that were to soar him aloft adding to his weight and increasing the heaviness of his fall. He struck upon the left leg, breaking it just below the knee. This will probably

## Secrets of the Grave.

body had entirely decomposed, with the exception of one of the limbs from the knee down. When this was raised the challe and mita horse will evince considerable pain when it is pressed, and so likewise will he in the hair, which was perfectly preserved and retained its color, had yielded to Supposing that we have found no suf- the hand of time. The second case was that of a young man named Seth Morrison, who was a brave soldier of the Union and was killed in battle about seventeen years ago. This body was completely petrified and perfectly preserved. As in the case of the child's timb, the body was of a dark color, and although the features were somewhat shrunken the figure was in a perfect state of preservation. The body broke up somewhat in the removal, as the substance was not quite as hard as stone and showed the same chalky substance as that of the child. The coffin had not decayed in the least, and held a nail nearly as firmly as when placed in the grave. Buried near the son was the body of the father, who had been in the grave nearly forty years, and this did not show any signs of petrifaction .- Oswego (N. Y.) Times.

-A woman iu Mecklenburg, Va., lost both hands by an accident sixteen years ago, but has practiced with the sinews which were once used to open and close the fingers until they do all that the fingers used to do, grasping and holding objects at will.—Detroit Post.

----A Paris patent medicine man described his chloral syrup as "bottled sleep."

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broker the other day and showed him a beautiful opal scarf-pin, surrounded by fifteen diamonds, and valued at \$150 He asked only a loan of \$25, which within two hours, he returned, and redeemed his pin. The next evening he called again with the pin and borrowed \$25 more; but after he had gone the trinket he left proved to be an imitation of the original worth ninety cents. Soon after the police arrested him as he was playing the same game on another pawnbroker. He remarked coolly but ungrammatically:"You can't do nothing with me; I did not obtain the money on any false representations."—Boston

Rubbing It Out.

The editor of the Courier, Mr. W. F. Cook, was saized a few mornings ago by a terrib'e pain in the left shoulder and neck. Having been favorably impressed for some time with the virtue of an article recommended for all sudden pains, and especially rheumatism, we rubbed the offending part, and in less time than we write it, relief came. That article is St. Jacobs Oil .- Canajoharie (N. Y.) Courier.

Engineer Melville will not lecture. He is a man of more character than was at first supposed.—N. O. Picayune.

"I BELIEVE St. Jacobs Off to be the very best remedy known to mankind," says Mr. Roberts, business manager of this paper.— Milwankee (Wis.) Sentinel.

BILL NYE, the humorist, has discovered the origin of the word "honeymoon." Lily asks: "What is the origin of the term 'honeymoon?" Well, Lily, we will be testotally amalgamated if we know what the origin of the term was. What the word honeymoon may have to do with that period when the young husband and wife are getting acquainted with each other's home styles of meanness, we are free to state we do not at this moment exactly know. Think of waking in the dead hours of night during this blessed time, called by the poets and other commissia savants the honeymoon, to find that your noble Adolphus, whose whole being seems to you, Lily, to be the very me plus ultra, the ultima thus, and the probono publico of perfection—think of finding in that stilly hour, we say, that Adolphus snores enough to crack the eternal granite foundations of the universe. There are places, no doubt, Lily, where you can find out by ascertaining, what the origin of this word is, but at this moment the required information has escaped our mind. BILL NYE, the humorist, has discovered

Mns. S. A. Kimball, of Yellow Springs, O., writes: "The anxiety and care of a large family worried me considerably, and I became very weak and nervous, and my habits were very irregular. I had heard Dr. Guysott's Yellow Dock and Sa saparilla spoken of very bighly as a female inedicine, and so I tried it. Its effect on me has been all I could desire and I join my friends in its praise, for it has made me strong and well."

"I HOPE you will excuse my stupidity, Doc-"I HOPE you will excuse my stupidity, Doctor," said a woman to an Arkansas physician whose professional skill had been visited on her bushand, and who had called again to investigate the cond tion of the ratient, "but I really didn't this k—" "Your husband is much better this morning, madam." "I say. Doctor," continued the confused woman, "I say him the wrong melicine"—Arkansas gave him the wrong medicine."-Arkansas

## How to Get Sick.

Expose yourself day and night; eat too much without exercise; work too hard without rest; doctor all the time; take all the vilence trust advertised; and then you will want too know now to get well. Which is acto know now to get well. Which is no-swered in three words—Take Hop Bitters! See other column.—Express.

The Boston Transcript thinks that the printer should be successful in society, he is so accustomed to n aking impressions.

From John Kuhn, Lafayette, Ind., who announces that he is now in "perfect health," we have the following: "One year ago I was, to all apperrance, in the last stages of Consumption. Our best physicians gave my case up. I finally got so low that our doctor said I could not live twenty-four hours. My friends then purchased a bottle of Dr. Wm. Hall's Baisam for the Lungs, which considerably benefited me. I continued until I took une bottles. I am now in perfect health, having used no other medicine." Twenty-four Hours to Live.

GREAT heavens! The Phrenological Journal says if women were to whistle every day their health would be greatly benefited.—N.

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